

**Town of Buffalo**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 11th, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Present-Scott Kempley, Roger Wallis, Ryan McReath Jean Rataczak & Laurie Beahm  
Others Present- 8

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order @ 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve the agenda by Ryan McReath-second by Roger Wallis.  
IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

The board reviewed the September 2021 minutes. Motion to approve the September minutes, by Roger Wallis  
Second by Ryan McReath  
IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Clerk & Treasurer gave the financial reports.  
Motion to approve the financial reports as read by Roger Wallis, Second by Ryan McReath.  
IN FAVOR – 3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

**The board reviewed 0 building permits for the month.**

The board reviewed the vouchers presented.  
Motion to approve the vouchers as presented by Ryan McReath, Second by Roger Wallis.  
IN FAVOR- 3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen and Board Concerns-Beginning of meeting. There were no comments.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Board discussed Amish buggy signs. Roger Wallis reported that there are 2 signs to go up near the John McGwin Residence.

The Board discussed the Cell phone Tower Ordinance. Has been sent to Michael Greiber for review. Will be on an upcoming board agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Guest Speaker Judy Nigbor-Our County representative gave a county wide update. She explained possible spending of the ARPA funds that the county received. There is discussion on doing a Sally Port at the sheriff's department and a cold storage building.

There has also been a million dollar grant which is still not enough to address the causeway issue in Packwaukee. There are 3 options to address this issue. The project that is decided will begin in 2023.

There is a proposed gravel pit on the Joe Steuck property of 131 acres to mine gravel. This is located in the town of Packwaukee. They will need a special exception along with a rezone in order to do this.

There was an update on the ARPA funds. The county received 3 million dollars. They have desiccated 1.7 million to go to broadband expansion with a matching grant with Adams Marquette in Oxford to upgrade internet in areas in Marquette County. There has been money allotted for Audio visual equipment in a 2<sup>nd</sup> room. Also money has been set aside to repair a sink hole and also to put in a well pump at John Muir Park to get water.

Anyone is encouraged to bring suggestions to the committee.

The Board discussed the request from Paul and Lynnette Baukhaus

who are requesting **to rezone from a Prime Agriculture (AG-1) District to an Agriculture Residential (AG-3(5)) and Farmland Preservation Overlay (FPO) District**, lands described as follows:

**Part of the NW1/4-SE1/4 and the SW1/4-SE1/4 being part of CSM 1563, Section 24, T14N R9E, Town of Buffalo containing 40 acres more or less with 5 acres rezoned to AG-3(5) and the remaining 35 acres to the FPO District.**

There was a motion by Roger Wallis to approve the request as recommended by the Land Use Planning Committee. Second from Ryan McReath.

IN FAVOR- 3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Board signed the new Ordinance with the Clerk as witness.

The Clerk gave the proposed Resolution to the Board regarding the Ward Division and Designation of Polling Place to the board for approval. The board reviewed the resolution that was given by the County Clerk.

There was a discussion regarding what the resolution was for. The board members approved by the signing of the resolution. The Clerk witnessed the signing and the resolution will be given to the County Clerk.

The board discussed the appointment of new Land Use members and Board of Appeals members. The Chairman Scott Kempley appointed as follows to the Land Use Committee:

Chairman-Jon Mast

Citizen-Charles Church

Citizen-Kevin Wagner

Citizen-Gary Napralla

Citizen-David Berg

Alternate-John McGwin

The board will address the Board of Appeals appointments at the November meeting due to not having enough to fill the positions.

Motion by Roger Wallis to accept the appointments with a second from Ryan McReath

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED -0 MOTION CARRIED

The Town Board will be meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> for a Budget workshop. They will be going over the budget for the 2022 budget. The Public Budget Hearing will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> prior to the regular Town Board meeting.

The Board will meet on November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. to adopt the Levy and set the Mill Rate.

There was a brief update on the ARPA Funds. The Clerk Laurie Beahm and Supervisor Roger Wallis attended a meeting at the County regarding the use of ARPA Funds. There are still many things to work on regarding the ARPA Funds and how they can be used. They did report to the board that the funds may be in an interest bearing account. The Treasurer will look in to that.

#### **Citizen and board concerns.**

Joel Burbach had questions on the gravel pit. He felt that there was not a need for more gravel here. Judy Nigbor stated that there may be some expense involved in the gravel pit. She also stated that there would be a meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

Fred Wollenburg asked that the board check out Warnke pond again. Seems to be some issues again.

#### **Upcoming meetings**

**1: Wednesday November 3rd, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. - Land Use Planning**

**2: Monday November 8th, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. Regular Town Board Meeting.**

**3: Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m Meet to adopt the Levy and set the mill Rate**

Motion by Ryan McReath to adjourn the meeting-Second by Roger Wallis

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

**Laurie Beahm-Clerk**